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For: HYBRID NANOPARTICLES WITH Ln2O3 CORE AND CARRYING

BIOLOGICAL LIGANDS, AND METHOD OF PREPARATION THEREOF (as

amended)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 1, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please amend the application as set forth below.

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